



**SUMMARY OF NOTES FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Wednesday, December 17, 2014

1:00 PM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-0029)

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Call to Order. (14-5127)

President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Emma De Jesus, Commission Staff, called roll and noted that a quorum was not established.

Present: President Janet A. Neal, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Treasurer Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Carlos Benavides and Commissioner John R. James

Absent: 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused: Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Alexia Teran, Commissioner Kecia Brooke Weller and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of September 17, 2014 (Continued from the meetings of 10/15/14, 11/19/14 and 12/17/14). (14-4171)

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued without discussion to the next meeting. However, in the September 17, 2014 minutes, Page 3, under President's Report, it should read, DELETE "Maria ADD "Daisy Bonilla from the City Department on Disability - - - -".

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2. Receive and file the Summary of Notes from the meeting of October 15, 2014. (Continued from the meeting of 11/19/14 and 12/17/14) (14-5276)

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued without discussion to the next meeting.

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3. Receive and File Trust Fund Balance Report as submitted by Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer. (Continued from the meeting of 12/17/14) (14-5676)

Treasurer Winslow C. Reitnouer reported and shared a copy of the disability trust fund balance as of November 30, 2014.

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued to the next meeting.

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II. REPORTS

4. Receive and File President's Report for December 2014. (14-5637)

President Janet A. Neal thanked everybody for coming to the meeting. She reported that the contract of Janet's Planet Radio Program will expire at the end of December 2014. She also stated souvenir programs of the ADA25 Reception may be an option for the Commission to print and have available for historical purposes and would like to have the next Access event held on the 8th Floor Balcony again.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

5. Receive and File the Monthly Reports by Standing Committees:
- Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
 - Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Teran, Troost, Wright
 - Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran
 - Housing: Commissioners Welt Narro (Chair), Teran (14-5639)

Education

There was no report given.

Events

There was no report given.

Transportation

The Transportation Committee did not meet, however President Janet A. Neal stated taxi coupons were given to the public but restricted thier use for doctor appointments only.

Housing

There was no report given.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

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6. Receive and File the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting of December 2014. (14-5641)

There was no report given and no action was taken by the Commission.

7. Receive and File the Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Service Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (14-5642)

Mr. Louis Burns reported that Access Services continues to have Customer Service Trainings for their employees. He added, Access Services is working on their policies and procedures on how origin to destination will be implemented. Tentative implementation is set to take place during the first quarter of 2015. Their "No Show" policy and procedure will take effect January 2015. Mr. Burns plans to share the regulations with the Commission during the January 21, 2015 meeting. He also added, fares will be discussed soon to rectify cost variances in specific areas/cities in Los Angeles County, placement of logos/advertisement on Access vehicles Commissioner Carlos Benavides commented on seat belt requirements, Mr. Burns read Access' regulations relating to the use of a seat belt.

He will provide a report at the February 18, 2015 meeting, regarding Access Services complaints process.

Mr. Burns responded to questions posed by the Commission and the public.

Commissioner Carlos Benavides commented on seat belt requirements, Mr. Burns read Access' regulations relating to the use of a seat belt.

President Janet A. Neal thanked Mr. Burns on his informative report and noted the new meeting location for Access Services' Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission

- 8. Receive and File the Monthly Report presented by Jess Segovia, ADA Manager, and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para-Transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (14-5643)**

Prior to his report, Jess Segovia complimented the Commission on the ADA25 Access Reception's format and location.

He reported Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center to Rail shuttle for the Green and Blue Rail Lines were so successful that a second shuttle bus service is being considered for either the Lakewood or Norwalk Rail Stations.

In response to Commissioner Carlos Benavides comment on wheelchair securement on METRO buses, Mr. Segovia reported that it was up to the passenger in the wheelchair to request a safety restraint. However, the newer buses may provide backward facing seating without restraints to improve the safety of the wheelchair passenger.

Mr. Segovia reassured President Janet A. Neal that METRO has provided a room for CAC to hold its 2015 meetings.

Jacob Cohen, member of the public, addressed the Commission regarding wheelchair securement on trains. Mr. Segovia responded by stating that there is no one on the trains to secure a wheelchair passenger during travel. However, the new retrofitted trains will have obvious signage, blue painted floors, etc. to ensure a wheelchair passengers has reserved space for their wheelchair.

President Janet A. Neal thanked Mr. Segovia for his report.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

III. PRESENTATIONS

9. Presentation by Denny Chan, Representative of the National Senior Citizen Law Center, on upcoming changes to the Medi-Cal program. (14-5283)

Denny Chan, Staff Attorney of National Senior Citizens Law Center, gave a brief overview on the upcoming changes to the Medicare/Medi-Cal programs. He shared a handout of information on the new Medi-Cal Health Plans, Cal MediConnect Health Plans and the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). The new programs will not affect current medical plans. He also noted, Cal MediConnect Health Plans, can combine all Medicare/Medi-Cal benefits with one card and one phone number to call. The Medi-Cal Health Plans will be provided through a Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) health plan.

He suggested contacting a pre-enrollment counseling agency, such as Center for Health Care Rights at (213) 383-4519 for assistance with enrolling and assistance with selecting the best plan.

Robert Coto, member of the public, addressed the Commission regarding HMO.

President Janet A. Neal thanked Mr. Chan for his informative presentation.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

10. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-5266)

No matters were posted.

Public Comment

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-5636)

2nd Vice President John B. Troost introduced Deputy Nova Simon of Marina Del Rey Sheriff's Station.

The following members of the public addressed the Commission:

Linda Block, a member of the public, addressed the Commission regarding State Senate health care.

Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public, addressed the Commission regarding legal aid and pro-bono are not helpful.

Linda Block, a member of the public, addressed the Commission regarding AB23 on Affordable Gas Bill and Senate Bill on taxable mileage next year.

Adjournment

12. Adjournment for the meeting of December 17, 2014. (14-5644)

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.